

# **NEWS** from



## **Bill Postmus Supervisor, 1st District**

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### **SUPERVISORS AWARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

SAN BERNARDINO—The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved \$1,214,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for various communities and organizations within the county's First District.

The approved dollars represent an increase of \$159,000 over last year's total grants to the First District, despite a two-percent overall reduction in this year's federal appropriation, said First District Supervisor Bill Postmus.

"I was glad to get an increase in funds for our desert communities despite the federal reductions," Postmus said. "This increase was made possible through the efforts of my office working with the County Department of Economic and Community Development in identifying and re-programming revenues from ongoing programs and shifting administrative allocations back into grants."

The funds will be spent on facilities and public service programs throughout the unincorporated communities as well as the Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Needles and Twentynine Palms. The cities of Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville administer separate CDBG programs because of the size of their respective populations.

Of the county's total entitlement of \$8.796 million, approximately one half is divided between cities and Supervisorial districts, and another 25 percent goes to countywide programs such as the Senior Home Repair Program (approximately \$900,000).

Senior Citizens in the First District will also benefit from \$259,200 for a variety of local projects and programs, including senior nutrition and outreach programs in the communities of Phelan, Pinon Hills, Wrightwood, Hinkley and El Mirage (\$107,600). Home-delivered service will continue to be funded in Lucerne Valley and Big River.

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Seven capital improvement projects will receive \$127,600 for rehabilitation projects for senior centers in Newberry Springs and El Mirage and emergency generators in Oro Grande and Wrightwood.

Libraries will receive \$140,000 for projects in Adelanto, Needles, Twentynine Palms and Lucerne Valley. Hesperia will receive \$68,000 toward its planned new library project.

Several youth program providers will receive a total of \$144,500. These services include shelter for troubled youth in Adelanto, drug counseling and prevention in Needles, and youth mentoring in Victorville. Construction projects will improve parks, pools, and play equipment.

County Fire Stations in Big River and Earp will receive funds for a water tender and rescue equipment. The Legal Aid Society will continue to provide services in Barstow and the Victor Valley for the second year. Domestic violence shelters in the First District will receive \$43,000 for service and construction projects.

The Community Development Block Grant program was established by passage of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The law consolidated several categorical programs into one program serving 116 urban counties nationwide and administered at the local level by counties and cities. Community Development Block Grants are now recognized as one of the most successful and important federal resources available to our nation's cities and counties.

San Bernardino County has received an average of \$7.8 million in Block Grant funding each year for more than a quarter century to revitalize neighborhoods, fund public services, repair and preserve housing and provide jobs to low- and moderate-income households, senior citizens and the physically or developmentally challenged.